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Resolution

2004/3
Report of the Committee for Development Policy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991,

Expressing its conviction that no country graduating from the least developed country category should have its positive development disrupted or reversed but should be able to continue and sustain its progress and development,

Emphasizing the need for putting in place a process for smooth transition of countries graduating out of the group of least developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session[1] and the conclusions contained therein, inter alia that Cape Verde and Maldives qualified for graduation from the list of least developed countries;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2004 a report including recommendations on how to formulate a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from least developed country status;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare the report in an inclusive and transparent manner with the involvement of Member States, in particular the least developed countries, as well as bilateral and multilateral donors and relevant international organizations;

4. *Decides* to take a decision on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from least developed country status and on the graduation of Cape Verde and Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its substantive session of 2004.

[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 13* (E/2003/33).
[2] Ibid., chap. IV, para. 35 (b).

Decisions

2004/201 C
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 11th and 12th plenary meetings on 4 May 2004, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Statistical Commission

The Council elected the following eight Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **China, Colombia, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands** and **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected the following 12 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Comoros, Germany, Guyana, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco** and **Peru**.

The Council also elected **Pakistan** to fill a postponed vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2007.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005 and further postponed the election of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004, two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005 and one member from Eastern European States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2007.

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected the following 15 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the initial meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2009: **Angola, Bangladesh, Bolivia, China, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Finland, Italy, Myanmar, Netherlands, Paraguay, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania** and **Venezuela**.

The Council also elected the **Republic of Moldova** to fill a postponed vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-sixth session in 2008.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning at the initial meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2009.

Commission on Human Rights

The Council elected the following 14 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Armenia, Canada, Ecuador, Finland, France, Guinea, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sudan** and **Togo**.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the initial meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's fiftieth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2009: **Belize, Croatia, Germany, Japan, Mali, Morocco, Netherlands, Peru, Qatar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and **United Republic of Tanzania**.

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council elected the following 20 Member States for a term beginning at the organizational meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's fourteenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixteenth session in 2008: **Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Thailand, Tunisia, Zambia** and **Zimbabwe**.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected the following 14 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Angola, Austria, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone** and **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

The Council also elected **Italy** to fill a postponed vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005 and further postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected the following nine experts for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: Mohamed Ezzeldin **Abdel-Moneim** (Egypt), Rocío **Barahona Riera** (Costa Rica), Giorgio **Malinverni** (Switzerland), Sergei N. **Martynov**

(Belarus), Ariranga Govindasamy **Pillay** (Mauritius), Andrzej **Rzeplinski** (Poland), Waleed M. **Sa'di** (Jordan), Philippe **Texier** (France) and **Shen** Yongxiang (China).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Pursuant to resolution 2000/22, the President of the Council appointed the following eight experts to the Forum for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: Hassan Id **Balkassm** (Morocco), Michael **Dodson** (Australia), Wilton **Littlechild** (Canada), Aqqaluk **Lynge** (Denmark), Pavel **Sulyandziga** (Russian Federation), Parshuram **Tamang** (Nepal), Victoria **Tauli-Corpuz** (Philippines) and Nina Pacari **Vega** (Ecuador).

The Council elected the following seven experts for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: Eduardo **Aguiar de Almeida** (Brazil), Yuri **Boychenko** (Russian Federation), Njuma **Ekundanayo** (Democratic Republic of the Congo), William Ralph Joey **Langeveldt** (South Africa), Otilia **Lux de Coti** (Guatemala), Ida **Nicolaisen** (Denmark) and **Qin** Xiaomei (China).

The Council postponed the election of one expert from Eastern European States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Germany, Japan, Mozambique, Netherlands, Russian Federation** and **Ukraine**.

The Council decided that **Canada** and **Denmark**, which were resigning their seats on the Board effective 1 January 2005, would be replaced, respectively, by **Norway** for a term expiring on 31 December 2005 and **Finland** for a term expiring on 31 December 2006.

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Council elected **Egypt** and **Zambia** in accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/152 of 22 December 2003.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Belarus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guyana, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Turkey, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine** and **United States of America**.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected the following six Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Australia, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Norway** and **Tunisia**.

The Council decided that **Greece**, which was resigning its seat on the Board effective 1 January 2005, would be replaced by **France** for a term expiring on 31 December 2006.

International Narcotics Control Board

The Council elected Gilberto **Gerra** (Italy) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2007 to replace Jacques **Franquet** (France), who had resigned his seat on the Board.

The Council also elected the following six experts for a five-year term beginning 2 March 2005: Joseph Bediako **Asare** (Ghana), Sevil **Atasoy** (Turkey), Tatyana Borisovna **Dmitrieva** (Russian Federation), Philip O. **Emafo** (Nigeria), Camilo Uribe **Granja** (Colombia) and Brian **Watters** (Australia).

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS)

The Council elected the following six Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Brazil, India, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal** and **Russian Federation**.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected the following 12 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Ghana, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Rwanda, Uganda, United Arab Emirates** and **United Republic of Tanzania**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Nominations

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated the following six Member States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005: **Algeria, China, Ghana, Japan, Kenya** and **Republic of Korea**.

The Council postponed the nomination of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Other elections

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected **Sri Lanka** for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005 and the **Czech Republic** for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006 to fill postponed vacancies.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

2004/201 D
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 23 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected **Armenia** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2007.

The Council also elected **Belgium** and **Switzerland** for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004, two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2007.

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected **Monaco** for a four-year term beginning at the initial meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2009.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning at the initial meeting, in 2005, of the

Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2009.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected **Slovakia** for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004 and one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Council elected the **Czech Republic** and **Romania** to fill outstanding vacancies on the Executive Board for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS)

The Council elected **France** for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

The Council elected **Norway, Slovakia** and **Trinidad and Tobago** for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

Nomination

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated **Jamaica** for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.

2004/220
Economic and Social Council event to consider the issue of the transition from relief to development

At its 13th plenary meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided to hold an event on the morning of Monday, 12 July 2004 entitled "ECOSOC event to consider the issue of the transition from relief to development". Moreover it was agreed that the event would be informal, following the format set out below:

(a) A brief presentation followed by interactive discussions with interested delegations;

(b) There would be no outcome document or summary record produced;

(c) A brief reference to the event would be included in the report of the Economic and Social Council.

It was also proposed that, in the light of the event to be held on Monday, 12 July, the operational activities segment should conclude its work on the afternoon of 9 July.

2004/221
Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/13 of 15 April 2004, approved the request to the Chairperson of the Commission to appoint, after consultation with the Bureau, an individual of recognized international standing and expertise in human rights as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to establish direct contact with the Government and with the people of the Democratic People's Republic, including through visits to the country, to investigate and report on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including compliance with its obligations under international human rights instruments, and to seek and receive credible and reliable information from all relevant actors.

The Council also approved the request to the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all necessary assistance in the discharge of his/her mandate.

2004/222
Situation of human rights in Belarus

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/14 of 15 April 2004, approved the decision of the Commission to appoint a special rapporteur, from within existing resources, to establish direct contacts with the Government and with the people of Belarus, with a view to examining the situation of human rights in Belarus and following any progress made towards the elaboration of a programme

on human rights education for all sectors of society, in particular law enforcement, the judiciary, prison officials and civil society, and to report to the Commission at its sixty-first session.

2004/223
Impunity

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/72, of 21 April 2004, approved the decision of the Commission to request the Secretary-General to appoint an independent expert, from within existing resources and for a period of one year, to update the set of principles for the protection and promotion of human rights through action to combat impunity (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/20/Rev.1, annex II) to reflect recent developments in international law and practice, including international jurisprudence and State practice, taking into account the independent study on impunity (E/CN.4/2004/88) commissioned by the Secretary-General pursuant to Commission resolution 2003/72 and comments received pursuant to Commission resolution 2004/72, for consideration by the Commission no later than at its sixty-first session.

2004/224
Advisory services and technical cooperation in Burundi

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/82 of 21 April 2004, endorsed the Commission's decision to appoint an independent expert to consider the situation of human rights in Burundi and ensure that the authorities are honouring the commitments they have made, and to request the expert to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session and report to the Commission at its sixty-first session.

2004/225
Advisory services and technical cooperation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/84 of 21 April 2004, approved the decision of the Commission:

(a) To appoint an independent expert to provide assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the field of human rights, to study the evolving situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to verify that its obligations in this field are being fulfilled;

(b) To request the independent expert to submit a progress report on the implementation of Commission resolution 2004/84 to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session and to report to the Commission at its sixty-first session;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to provide advisory services to this country in the field of human rights;

(d) To reconsider the matter at its sixty-first session under the same agenda item.

2004/226
Advisory services and technical cooperation in Chad

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/85 of 21 April 2004, endorsed the Commission's decision to appoint an independent expert to facilitate cooperation between the Government of Chad and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the promotion and protection of human rights and to submit a report to the Commission at its sixty-first session.

2004/227
Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/87 of 21 April 2004, endorsed the Commission's decision to designate, from within existing resources, for a period of one year, an independent expert to assist the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the fulfilment of the mandate described in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Commission resolution 2004/87 and, taking fully into account the study requested in General Assembly resolution 58/187, as well as the discussions in the Assembly and the views of States thereon, to submit a report, through the High Commissioner, to the Commission at its sixty-first session on ways and means of strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

2004/228
Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/110 of 19 April 2004, endorsed the Commission's decision to appoint, for a period of three years, a Special Rapporteur whose mandate will focus on the human rights aspects of the victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

The Council also endorsed the Commission's request that the Special Rapporteur submit an annual report, commencing with the sixty-first session of the Commission, together with recommendations, on measures required to uphold and protect the human rights of the victims. The Council further approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide all the necessary resources for the effective fulfilment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur.

2004/229
Situation of human rights in the Sudan

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/128 of 23 April 2004, endorsed the Commission's request:

(a) To appoint an independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan for a period of one year and its request to the independent expert to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session and to report to the Commission at its sixty-first session on the situation of human rights in the Sudan;

(b) To the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the independent expert to enable him/her to discharge the mandate fully.